

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and MPEP § 714.16. A Notice of Allowance was issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on November 5, 2007. The issue fee payment is due February 5, 2008 and has *not* yet been paid.

By this paper, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 5 and 6 depending therefrom to provide proper antecedent basis for the “insulating fibers” limitation recited in claim 1. In the Amendment & Response dated October 5, 2007, claim 13 was rewritten in independent form (as amended independent claim 1) pursuant to the Examiner’s suggestion. While original claim 13 depended from original, dependent claims 5 and 6, the subject matter of claims 5 and 6 was inadvertently omitted from Applicant’s October 5th amendment of independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that claim 1 be amended to include these limitations so that the claim language is in order. The substance of the claims is unchanged.

These amendments would not require an additional search or examination and would not adversely affect the patentability of the allowed claims. Entry of these amendments is believed to be appropriate and is respectfully requested.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number

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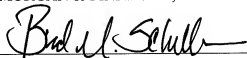
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provided below. Should any additional fee(s) be required for entry of the Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5361.

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